

Greetings, St. Paul family,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Robin Woodberry, and I am delighted to be coming to join you in the ministry of this great church!

I am a life-long resident of Youngstown, Ohio. The second born of five children to Robert and Rev. Gena Thornton. I married Anthony, my high school sweetheart, in 1985, and God has blessed us with six children: LaKleesha, Anthony, Shana, Jeremy, and Aaron. A son, Jacob, is deceased. We have that extra special grandparent love we get to share with five grandchildren; Shanell, Will, Warren, Desiree' and Xavier, and a granddog, Jada.

I was licensed and ordained in the Baptist church serving for over 25 years in various roles, including Church Administrator, Youth and Children's Pastor, and Assistant Pastor. But in 2017, I felt the leading of God into a different ministry direction which led me to the Episcopal Church. I was confirmed and began my discernment journey to the priesthood.

My passion for missions has afforded me many opportunities to preach and teach internationally in more than five different countries. Haiti is where I have spent the most significant part of my focus and continues to be a part of some ongoing work.

I believe in being the "Church Without Walls." At the end of service, we are sent into the world to love and serve the Lord. Our community shouldn't just know where our church building is; it should know who we are because we are engaged and build a relationship with them. St. Paul's has done a masterful job in being a presence and making connections. I hope to continue moving that gauge forward.

I am a 1983 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, Youngstown. I went on to earn a Diploma in Theology from the American Baptist Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southern Bible Institute and Seminary, and a Certificate of Anglican Studies from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

I enjoy spending time with my family, golfing, fishing, and line dancing. I am an avid sports fan. My favorite teams are the Pittsburgh Steelers, Ohio State Buckeyes, and any team where LeBron James chooses to play!

In all sincerity, I love God and have been praying that I would be in the place God has for me. I believe that place to be St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Canton. I look forward to leading you, serving you, and working alongside you to be God's hands, feet, and heart on the earth. To God be the glory!

Your Sister in Christ,

*Dr. Robin R. Woodberry*